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Sir:

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Applicants requests the examiners attention to the following:

JP 7-110721 corresponds to U.S. patent 6,060,918.

JP 2002-170391 corresponds to U.S. patent 6,529,411.

JP 10-49243 corresponds to U.S. patent 5,856,756.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the

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Respectfully submitted,

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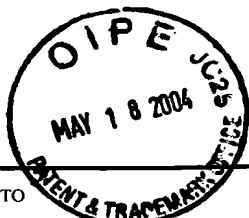


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